

invention. Claims 17-19, 23-26, 29, 32-39, and 60-64, have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. The specification and drawings have also been amended to correct minor defects. No new matter has been added.

✓ **I. At Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requires a new oath or declaration be filed as the filed declaration is defective.**

Filed herewith, please find a new unexecuted declaration in compliance with 37 CFR §1.67(a) identifying the citizenship of each inventor as well as their post office addresses. The executed declaration will be filed shortly.

✓ **II. At Pages 2 and 3, of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(4).**

Filed herewith, please find substitute informal Figure 5, correcting the reference characters such that each reference character designates only one element. The specification has also been amended to reflect the corrected reference characters. In view of the substitute corrected Figure and the amended specification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection. Formal drawings will be submitted upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

✓ **III. At Page 4, of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the specification.**

The Examiner states that the specification is written in claim formation at page 23. Page 23, lines 3-20 have been amended to remove claim formation. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

IV. At Pages 4, 5, and 6, of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 17-19, 23-26, 29, 32-39, 50, and 60-64, under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states the following: (a) that the term "X" appearing in claims 25, 26, 32-39 and 61-64, is a relative term which renders the claims indefinite; (b) that there is insufficient

antecedent basis for the term “first incubating” in claim 17; (c) that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the term “second incubating” in claim 18; (d) that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the term “step of second incubating” in claim 19; (e) that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the term “alcohol” in claim 29; (f) that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation of the range recited in claim 50; and (g) that claims 24-26 improperly recite a trade name to describe a material. In view of the following, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding (a), claims 25, 26, 32-39 and 61-64, have been amended to remove the relative term “X” and to replace it with an expression of the recited concentration as a percent. Support for this amendment appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Regarding (b), the term “first incubating” in claim 17, has been replaced with the term “second cleaning”, to provide proper antecedent basis. Support for this amendment appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Regarding (c), the term “second incubating” in claim 18, has been replaced with the term “first washing”, to provide proper antecedent basis. Support for this amendment appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Regarding (d), the term “step of second incubating” in claim 19, has been replaced with the term “first washing”, to provide proper antecedent basis. Support for this amendment appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Regarding (e), claim 29 has been amended to be properly dependent upon any one of claims 8 or 9, in place of claims 9, 10, or 11, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for the term “alcohol.” Support for this amendment appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Regarding (f), the limitation of the range recited in claim 50 had been amended to recite “37°C to 44°C”. Support for this amendment appears in the specification at page 16, paragraph 2. No new matter has been added.

Regarding (g), claims 24-26 have been amended to replace the trade name "Allowash" with the actual chemical composition. Support for this amendment appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that claims 17-19, 23-26, 29, 32-39 and 61-64, are clear and definite within the meaning of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

V. At Page 6, of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates claims 17-19, 23-26, 29, 32-39, 50, and 60-64, allowable and claims 1-16, 20-22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 40-49, 51-60, and 67-69, allowed.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating claims 1-16, 20-22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 40-49, 51-60, and 67-69, allowed and for indicating claims 17-19, 23-26, 29, 32-39 and 61-64, allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, claims 17-19, 23-26, 29, 32-39 and 61-64, have been amended to overcome the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, rejections. Thus, it is submitted that claims 17-19, 23-26, 29, 32-39 and 61-64, are in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 17-19, 23-26, 29, 32-39 and 61-64, are in condition for immediate allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned on any questions that may arise.

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